

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1037

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Margaret Tillmon Nelms on the celebration of her 102nd birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Tillmon Nelms celebrated her 102nd birthday on March 22, 2022, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Middleton, Margaret Nelms is the daughter of Lora Simpson Tillmon and Perry Tillmon; she attended College Street School in Jackson before transferring to Sheffield (Alabama) Elementary School and ultimately graduating from Middleton High School in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nelms is a 1941 graduate of Blue Mountain College and a former teacher at Bolivar Elementary School; she also served as Elementary Supervisor of Hardeman County Schools beginning in 1944; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 1944, she married Richard Nelms; the two enjoyed fifty-eight years of marriage, until Mr. Nelms's death in 2002, and were blessed with two children, Barbara (Bernard) Pippin and W. Richard "Buddy" (Lisa) Nelms II; four grandchildren, Jenny Pippin, Blair (Sarah) Pippin, Caitlin (Phillip) Price, and Trey (Amanda) Nelms; and two great-grandchildren, Aiden Pippin and Addy Pippin; and

WHEREAS, after the birth of her children, Margaret Nelms left her career in education to care for them; when her children went to college, she returned to work in the family business, Nelms Chevrolet; and

WHEREAS, a woman of abiding faith, Ms. Nelms is an active, lifelong member of First United Methodist Church in Bolivar; and

WHEREAS, she has many passions, including reading, participating in church events, watching sports, playing the piano, and playing bridge; she organized a local bridge club in 1948 that continued meeting until 2018; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Nelms is the treasured matriarch of her family and a beloved friend and neighbor to all who are blessed to know her; her secret to living a long, healthy life is her positivity, and she always has kind words of encouragement to offer others; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Margaret Tillmon Nelms on the celebration of her 102nd birthday and extend to her our best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.